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SUBJECT: SAIGON NORTH VIET-NAM COMMITTEE REPORT, APRIL 1974

1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS: GREATEST OVERALL EMPHASIS WAS ON COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND PLANS FOR GENERAL OFFENSIVE, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF TONG LE CHAN BASE. TRADITIONAL HUNG VUONG (LEGENDARY FIRST KING OF VIET-NAM) FESTIVAL OCCASIONED PLEAS FOR VIETNAMESE NATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. ONE COMMENTARY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "NATIONAL SPIRIT WILL INSPIRE HANOI LEADERS TO BRING PEACE TO THE FATHERLAND." COMMENTARIES AND NEWS ANALYSES DISMISSED CURRENT LABOR EMULATION CAMPAIGN IN NORTH AS PART OF EFFORT TO EXPLOIT NORTH VIETNAMESE WORKERS AND PROLONG AGGRESSIVE WAR AGAINST SOUTH, REPEATED THEME THAT ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION IN NORTH IS NOT POSSIBLE

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UNLESS HANOI RENOUNCES PLANS TO TAKE OVER SOUTH BY FORCE.

COVERAGE ALSO SPOTLIGHTED NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS OF CORRUPTION IN NORTH.

2. CONTENT ANALYSIS OF VOF EDITORIAL MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS: LIFE IN THE NORTH, 18PERCENT; LIFE IN THE SOUTH, 16 PERCENT; CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, 16 PERCENT (OF WHICH 4 PERCENT WAS ON TONG LE CHAN SEIZURE); INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, 7 PERCENT; SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT, 5 PERCENT; CAMBODIAN DEVELOPMENTS, 5 PERCENT; LAO DEVELOPMENTS, 4 PERCENT; COMMUNIST PLANS FOR GENERAL OFFENSIVE, 4 PERCENT; COMMUNIST INTRANSIGENCE IN NEGOTIATIONS, 4 PERCENT; SOVIET AND CHINESE AFFAIRS, 4 PERCENT; RECONCILIATION AND REUNIFICATION, 4 PERCENT; DIPLOMATIC ADVANCES AND INTERNATIONAL (INCLUDING US) SUPPORT, 4 PERCENT; AND OTHERS (ALL 3 PERCENT OR LESS), 9 PERCENT.

3. PRINCIPAL GVN OUTPUT INCLUDED HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THEME THAT COMMUNISTS ARE PREPARING OR HAVE LAUNCHED GENERAL OFFENSIVE. FREQUENTLY USED SLOGAN IN ELECTRONIC MEDIA PROGRAMMING WAS TAKEN FROM THIEU MESSAGE TO NATION ON HUNG VUONG DAY: "DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT THE COMMUNISTS SAY, BUT WATCH WHAT THEY DO." FOLLOWING COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF TONG LE CHAN BASE (APRIL 12), MEDIA ACCELERATED EFFORT TO CONVINCE GENERALLY UNMOVED PUBLIC THAT GENERAL OFFENSIVE WAS UNDERWAY. SUSPENSION OF PARIS BILATERALS AND STRONG CRITICISM OF COMMUNIST ICCS MEMBERS LINKED TO INCREASED LEVEL OF COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY, USED THEME: "NO AGREEMENT CAN PRESERVE PEACE, NO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CAN DEFEND THE COUNTRY; ONLY WE CAN PROTECT OUR HAMLETS AND FAMILIES AND CREATE LASTING PEACE..." IN SIMILAR CONTEXT, MEDIA GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO SERIES OF NATIONWIDE "RESOLVE TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY" SEMINARS SPONSORED BY INFORMATION MINISTRY. PERIOD ALSO SAW SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED MEDIA ATTENTION TO US ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO RVN.

4. CONTENT ANALYSIS OF GVN PROPAGANDA (BOTH VTVN AND PRINTED OUTPUT) BY THEME YIELDED THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: COMMUNIST INTRANSIGENCE AND PLANS FOR GENERAL OFFENSIVE, 25 PERCENT; TONG LE CHAN SEIZURE, 14 PERCENT; OTHER CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, 14 PERCENT; DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL REFORM PROGRAMS, 9 PERCENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 7 PERCENT; SUSPENSION OF PARIS BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, 6 PERCENT; INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, 5 PERCENT;

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT, 5 PERCENT; US ASSISTANCE AND COMMITMENT, 4 PERCENT; AND OTHERS (ALL 3 PERCENT OR LESS) 11 PERCENT.

5. VOA PROGRAMMING: BROADCAST FEEDS FROM POST DURING PERIOD INCLUDED AS MAJOR REPORTAGE: INAUGURATION OF NEW PROVINCIAL CAPITAL AT QUANG TRI; SIGNING OF ROC-RVN AGREEMENT ON ROC HEALTH TEAMS IN RVN, INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL

DEVELOPMENT IN MEKONG DELTA; PRESS CONFERENCE ON COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF TONG LE CHAN BASE; RVN FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS CONFERENCE ON SUSPENSION OF PARIS BILATERAL TALKS; NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONDEMNATION OF INCREASED COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITIES; RVN TP-JMC DELEGATION FOUR-POINT PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

6. COVERT RADIO ACTIVITY IS REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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